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SUBJECT: GALLAGHER AND DYKES

1. INFORMANT "B" TOLD US LAST NIGHT (FEBRUARY 12) THAT GALLAGHER AND DYKES QUESTION WAS RAISED BY LEBANESE REPRESENTATIVE MOUSA KANAAN IN HIGHER MILITARY COMMITTEE THAT DAY. HE ASKED PLO REPRESENTATIVE WHETHER ANYONE KNEW IF THE MEN WERE ALIVE. SYRIAN CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE MADANI JUMPED IN SAYING SYRIANS KNEW THE MEN WERE ALIVE. SUBSEQUENTLY, MADANI APPROACHED PLO REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATELY AND SAID IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT PRIVATELY AND SAID IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE SYRIANS THAT THIS CASE BE RESOLVED WITH PLO ASSISTANCE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS EFFECT. PLO REP AGREED,

2. INFORMANTQ"B" TOLD US THAT PLO FROM ITS OWN SOURCES INDEPENDENTLY KNOWS THE MEN WERE ALIVE AS OF FOUR DAYS AGO AND ASSUMES THEY STILL ARE. PLO IS NOT DEPENDING ONLY ON PFLP ASSURANCES FOR THIS. INFORMANT "B" ADDED IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING GOL DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN GO THROUGH WITH PROPOSED DEAL OF ARMS FOR THEMEN.

3. ARMA SAW SURETE GENERALE DIRECTOR COL. DAHDAH, DAHDAH CONFIRMED HE HAD SENT A LIST OF
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THE ARMS DAY BEFORE TO ARMY COMMANDER HANNA

SAID AS PROMISED. HE HAD NOT REPEAT NOT TRIED
TO GET LEBANESE ARMY DECISION ON THIS MATTER, AND HE REFUSED
TO BE DRAWN OUT ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT

FRANGIE TUESDAY SINCE HE UNDERSTOOD I WAS SEEING THE
PRESIDENT THAT DAY AND WOULD GET PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE
DIRECTLY.

4. COMMENT: THIS DEFINITELY ENDS POSSIBILITIES
CONNECTED WITH RETURN OF SEIZED ARMS TO

PFLP FOR THE MEN SYRIAN AND PLO ATTITUDES, ON THE
OTHER HAND, ARE ENCOURAGING.
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